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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Pig Enclosures. Initiative Statute.

SAN FRANCISCO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponent of a new initiative has received clearance to begin collecting petition signatures for her measure.

The Attorney General's official title and summary is as follows:

PIG ENCLOSURES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Prohibits confining a pig on land used in the production or maintenance of animals for food or fiber in an enclosure in which the pig cannot turn around freely, including a gestation crate. Creates exceptions for veterinary purposes, pre-birthing and nursing periods, and public events. Each violation is a misdemeanor. Measure becomes effective two years after enactment.

The proponent, Jill Mountjoy, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters for her measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is September 26, 2003. The proponent can be reached through her attorney Lowell Finley at (510) 290-8823.

For a copy of the complete text, title & summary, and circulation calendar, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at (916) 653-6575.

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